Assistance sought by Tamil Nadu from NCCF

621. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Tamil Nadu has requested the Central Government to depute a Central team immediately to assess the damage caused by floods in the State in the last few weeks;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Government of Tamil Nadu has sought an assistance of Rs. 411.73 crores from the National Calamity Contingency Fund for relief and restoration works; and

(c) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) Yes, Madam.

(c) An Inter-Ministerial Central Team has been constituted to visit Tamil Nadu to assess the damage and requirement of funds for flood relief.

New law to contain terrorism

622. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been proposed to enact a new law to contain terrorism;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) Alongside the repeal of POTA, the Government, decided to amend the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 to incorporate certain provisions considered necessary to deal with various facets of terrorism. An Ordinance *viz.* The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment Ordinance, 2004 was promulgated on 21.9.2004 in this regard. A Bill to replace the Ordinance has been introduced in the current session of Parliament.